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Celebrating 20 years of healing



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Health & Wellness Center event includes cultural presentation, guest speakers

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Anticipation from the more than 100 people in attendance filled the air at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center as the Veterans Color Guard brought in the colors, accompanied by cultural drumming and singing, to fete the building's 20th

anniversary on Friday, Oct. 6.

As attendees entered the building, they were greeted by current Health Committee members Alan Ham, Gladys Hobbs, Bernadine Shriver and Claudia Leno, who present-

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Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy speaks during the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center's 20th anniversary celebration held at the clinic on Friday, Oct. 6. Behind her waiting to speak are John Mercier, left, Interim Tribal Employment Rights Office director, and Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George.

FBI TRAINED

Police Chief Jake McKnight returns from elite National Academy

By Danielle Frost

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Six per year is the number of law enforcement officers, out of hundreds who apply annually in Oregon, selected to participate in the FBI's elite National Academy.

This past summer, Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight was among three Oregon law enforcement officers who participated in the intensive, 10-week training, which is held quarterly at FBI headquar-

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Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight recently returned from training at the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy in Quantico, Va. Part of the training included participating in the "Yellow Brick Road" run. He received the yellow brick for completing the challenge.



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Tribe holds annual Coffee & Conversation

Event commemorates 2011 signing of MOU to manage Table Rocks area

By Dean Rhodes

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MEDFORD – The Grand Ronde Tribe held its sixth Coffee & Conversation event in southern Oregon on Friday, Sept. 29, to commemorate the 1853 treaty signing at Table Rock and the September 2011 signing of a memorandum of understanding with the Bureau of Land Manage-

ment and The Nature Conservancy to manage the Table Rocks area north of Medford.

Upper and Lower Table Rock have significant cultural and historic importance to the Grand Ronde Tribe because Rogue River Tribal members lived in the area

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Stephanie Craig, left, shows Desirae Hernandez a tarweed plant during the Tribal encampment held at the Lower Table Rock Trailhead near Medford on Friday, Sept. 29. Craig is a Tribal member and a traditional Tribal ethnobotanist and was teaching Hernandez about the traditional native plants that grow in the Table Rocks area.